† SRI G. RAME GOWDA :—Rs. 65- per ton

SRI ABDUL LATEEF :—Is it a fact that plantations prior to 1969 have been gifted away at 25 rupees per ton to Harihar Polyfibres ?

SRI G. RAME GOWDA :—The question of Polyfibres is different. This is in respect of Paper Mills that too after 1977. Certain factories have agreements for some period at different rates.

SRI ABDUL LATHEEF :—What is the cost for raising one ton of this fuel ?

SRI G. RAME GOWDA :—We have not worked out the exact cost in respect of eucalyptus wood in the forest because it depends upon the spacing ; in some areas plants are at a space of 30' and in some others 60'. As the spacing is different we cannot exactly work out the cost. We shall find out the average rate and give.

Reservation of Posts for S.Cs. and .STs. in Karnataka Electricity Board.

586 SRI NAGAPPA (Pavagada)—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) hitherto has there been any S.C. or S.T. person as member of the K.E.B. ;

(b) has the Government provided 18 percent of posts to the S.Cs. and S.Ts. ? If so, furnish figures ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister of State for Information and youth Services) [on behalf of Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)]—

(a) Yes ; Sri T. Channiah of the Scheduled Caste was the Chairman of Karnataka Electricity Board for five years from 1st April 1960.

(b) So far as employees are concerned, reservations are made in accordance with the policies of Government from time to time.

Details of the employees working in the Karnataka Electricity Board as on 1st June 1978 in the regular establishment and workcharged establishment/temporary time rolls are as under :—

	Working strength	No. of S. C.s.	Percentage of S.Cs.	No. of S T.s.	Percentage of S. Ts.
I. Regular Establishment :					
(a) Class I	721	6	0.83	4	0.55
(b) Class II	1662	64	3.85	24	1.44
(c) Class III	18347	2025	11.03	284	1.55
(d) Class IV	8518	1617	18.98	204	2.39
II. Workcharged establishment	2892	480	16.59	92	3.18
III. Temporary Time rolls	3824	592	15.88	133	3.47

The overall percentage of S. C. and S. T. employees in the Karnataka Electricity Board works out to 13.35 and 2-52 respectively.

ಶ್ರೀ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ :—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನನ್ನ (ಆ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಆನುಸೂಚಿತ ಜಾತಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯನವರು ೧-೪-೧೯೬೦ರಿಂದ ೫ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಮಂಡಲಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿದ್ದರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಏನಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಮಂಡಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನ ಮತ್ತು ಗಿರಿಜನರ ಪೈಕಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಮಂಡಲಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಬೇರೆ ತರಹ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎಚ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ —ನಿಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ "hitherto has there been any S.C or S.T person as member of the K.E.B" ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಆ ತರಹ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಈಗ ತಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರೂ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲ.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know when it was accepted by the Board ?

SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.—I do not have the exact date. But I can assure the Hon. Member that the K.E.B. has a regularly sanctioned cadre and recruitment rules.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—Is it possible for the Government to inform how many posts were filled up under Class I from the time of enforcement of the Constitution ?

SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.—I have furnished the particulars in the answer.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—Under Class I, how many were appointed after 1950 ?

SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.—I don't have that break up. I want a separate notice.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, under Class I, it is 721 and the percentage of SCs is only 0.83. What are the reasons for the inadequate representation under Class I ?

SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.—The usual reason has always been that persons with requisite qualifications are not available. Government have now asked the K.E.B. to thoroughly examine the entire question and submit a detailed report. Government will take necessary action to see that adequate constitutionally guaranteed opportunities are afforded to SC/ST people in the K.E.B.

SRI MR. SPEAKER.—The questions are over.

QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Delay in Issuing Final Notification revising the Minimum Wages of Beedi Workers.

355 SHRI B.V. KAKKILAYA (Vittal)—Will the Minister for Labour and Excise be pleased to state :—

(a) when the draft notification revising the minimum wages of Beedi Workers was issued by the Government ;

(b) whether the Government have issued the final Notification ;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

SRI R. S. PATIL (Minister for Labour and Excise)—

(a) 14-2-1978.

(b) No.

(c) The objections and suggestions received will be placed before the State Minimum Wages Advisory Board shortly and the rate of minimum wages will be finalised.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR—ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. SPEAKER :—I have received a message from the Governor of Karnataka which is as follows :